Mankhurd-Belapur Rail Project

*314. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made with regard to the Mankhurd-Belapur rail project; and

(b) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Earthwork and construction of bridges and other structures are in progress.

(b) The Project is likely to be completed in the latter part of 1990-91.

Losses incurred by the Hotels/Motels

*315. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hotel Corporation of India has incurred an enormous loss during the financial year 1986-87;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether the loss during 1986-87 is more than that suffered in 1985-86;

(c) what are the names of Hotels/Motels under H.C.I. which have been incurring losses during the last two years;

(d) what are the main factors for such losses and what steps are being contemplated to make good the losses; and

(e) whether Government propose to privatise the various projects under the Hotel Corporation of India (HCI) and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) During the year 1986-87, the Hotel Corporation of India has incurred a net loss of Rs 632.67 lakhs compared to the net loss of Rs. 406 lakhs during 1985-86.

(c) During the last two years, Centaur Hotel, Delhi Airport, Centaur Lake View Hotel, Srinagar, Centaur Hotel, Juhu Beach, Bombay, Centaur Hokke Hotel, Rajgir and Mayur Restaurants in London and Sydney have incurred net losses.

(d) The important reasons for the losses are high depreciation and interest burden on the newly constructed hotels at Delhi and Bombay, inadequate response of the Buddhist Pilgrim Traffic to visit Rajgir and low occupancy combined with disturbed conditions in Northern-India in the cases of Centaur Lake View Hotel Srinagar.

Steps taken to improve the financial performance of the hotels of HCI are:—

(i) intensified sales efforts,

(ii) training programmes to improve quality of service,

(iii) strict control on expenditure, and

(iv) improvement of services like Banquet and Conference facilities.

(e) At present, there is no proposal for privatisation of the various hotels of Hotel Corporation of India. Efforts are being made to make all the units financially viable and in the case of those units, which have not been financially viable for a long time, an attempt is being made to withdraw the participation of the Hotel Corporation of India from such ventures.

Introduction of Consumer Education course on school curriculum

*316. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce consumer education course for Secondary

and Higher Secondary schools in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the names of the States where such a course is proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) At the Secondary and higher secondary level the courses of study are designed and prescribed by the agency responsible for academic regulation of education in the state concerned. At national level the NCERT develops model courses of study and textbooks which states can adopt/adapt. While consumer education as such is not envisaged to be a separate subject at school stage, the NCERT has included issues relating to it at various stages.

राष्ट्रीय परिवहन नीति समिति का प्रतिवेदन

*317. **श्री रशीद मसूद** : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान राष्ट्रीय परिवहन नीति समिति द्वारा वर्ष 2001 में यात्रियों की संख्या, सडकों की लम्बाई तथा माल ढोने की क्षमता के बारे में बनाए गए प्राक्कलनों की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उनके अनुसरण में कोई योजना बनाई है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय परिवहन नीति समिति की रिपोर्ट में वर्ष 2000 ई. के लिए दर्शाया गया अनुमान निम्न प्रकार है :—

	रेल, वायु और सड़क परिवहन का योग	सड़क परिवहन का शेयर
(i) बिलियन यात्री कि० मी० के रूप में या ट्रैफिक	1344	800
(ii) मिलियन टन कि० मी० के रूप में मालभाड़ा ट्रैफिक	650	182

राष्ट्रीय परिवहन नीति समिति ने राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को छोड़कर सड़क नेटवर्क की कुल लम्बाई का कोई विशिष्ट अनुमान नहीं लगाया गया है किन्तु 2001 को समाप्त होने वाली 20 वर्षीय भावी योजना की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया है। समिति ने राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों में 13000 कि. मी. बढ़ोतरी करने की सिफारिश की है।

(ग) सड़क और सडक परिवहन सेक्टर के लिए पंचवर्षीय योजनाएं/वार्षिक योजनाएं तैयार करते समय राष्ट्रीय परिवहन नीति समिति की सिफारिशों को ध्यान में रखा जाता है।

Ban on smoking in Trains

*318. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to ban smoking in trains; and as a first step, to introduce non-smoking bogies; and

(b) whether the sale of cigarettes in the trains is proposed to be banned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI